

House Resolution 1603

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Ralston of the 7th, Harbin of the 118th, Martin of the 47th, Chambers of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon Keenan for
2 his many contributions to our state and national security; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Director Vernon Keenan's law enforcement career began with the DeKalb
4 County Police Department in 1972, and in 1973, he joined the Georgia Bureau of
5 Investigation (GBI) as a special agent assigned to Northwest Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Director Keenan served in many capacities with the GBI, including in the
7 Missing and Murdered Children Investigation unit, as squad commander of the state Auto
8 Theft Squad, as special agent in charge of the Calhoun Regional Office, as inspector of the
9 seven North Georgia regional offices, in the Metro Fugitive Squad, in the Special
10 Investigations Unit/Financial Investigations Squad, and as deputy director of the
11 Investigative Division, and in January, 2003, he was appointed the esteemed director of the
12 GBI; and

13 WHEREAS, during the 1996 Olympic Games, Director Keenan was one of the officials in
14 charge of the State Law Enforcement Command Center, and during the 2004 G-8 Summit
15 at Sea Island, Georgia, he served with the State Homeland Security Central Command
16 responsible for public safety, facilitation of law enforcement, and coordination of state
17 personnel; and

18 WHEREAS, Director Keenan was instrumental in the formation of the Georgia Crisis
19 Intervention Team program, which has provided training to over 2,000 Georgia officers in
20 over 150 law enforcement agencies and for which he was recognized by the International
21 Association of Chiefs of Police; and

22 WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Director Keenan has served on the Investigation
23 Operations Committee, the Dangerous Drugs and Narcotics Committee for the International
24 Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Advisory Board for the Georgia International Law

25 Enforcement Exchange Program and has participated in law enforcement leadership
26 programs in Israel, Turkey, China, Spain, Germany, and the United Kingdom; and

27 WHEREAS, for his many contributions to law enforcement, Director Keenan was named the
28 2008 Outstanding Police Chief of the Year; and

29 WHEREAS, Director Keenan is highly regarded for his integrity, dedication, and expertise
30 by not only the citizens and law enforcement officers of Georgia but also by prominent
31 national and international public safety leaders around the world.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon
34 Keenan and commend him for his many contributions to our state and national security.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Director Vernon Keenan.